RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after 1976 not a single long distance pas senger train has been introduced bet ween Howrah and DelhilNew Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to introduce such trains as this sec tion is over-crowded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, the frequency of 2301J2302 New Delhi-Howrah Raj. dhani Express was increased from two days to four days a week from 1.4.83 and from four days to five days a week from 1.10.86. The frequency of New Delhi Howrah A.C. Express was also increased from five days a wek to daily.

Introduction of new trains on Indian Railways is a continuous process subject to traffic justification resource availability and operational feasibility.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express between Howrah and Bombay

328. SHRIMATI SARALA MAH-ESHWARL WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state-la) whether there is any proposal for introduction of another Rajdhani Express between Howrah and Bombay;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

Disposable scrap in the Railway Sector

329. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much disposable scrap is generated every year in the railway sector; and

(b) in what manner the said scrap is disposed—details of the norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) Category-wise details of scrap arising on the zonal Railways during the last three years are given in the Statement attached. *(See* below)

(b) Scrap material on the Railways is sold through;

i. Public Auctions ii. Advertised Tenders
iii. Direct sale to other Government Departments.

For the public auctions, adequate publicity is gi^en and only highest bid is accepted, if the price is reasonable and ocmpetition sufficiently keen.

Statement

Category-wise Details of the Scrap arisings on the Zonal Railways

Categoy of Scrap	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
RAILS (In Metric tonnes)	140370	188409	182624
FERROUS (In Metric tonnes)	295978	288896	377130
NON-FERROUS (In Metric tonnes)	7014	6339	6919
WAGONS (In Numbers)	12047	14107	15988
COACHES (In Numbers)	1913	1831	1862
LOCOS (In Numbers)	572	334	491